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SENT VIA EMAIL TO: 1241-20575116@requests.muckrock.com

Re: **12-OIA-0049**

Mr. Jason Smathers
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Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A), dated April 12, 2012. You are seeking, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552 et seq. ("FOIA") the following information:

Budget requests for the DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis (OIA) for Fiscal Year 2012.

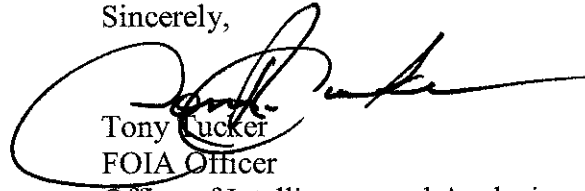
As it relates to your fee waiver request, your request will be held in abeyance pending our request for you to narrow the scope of your FOIA request.

The DHS FOIA Regulations, 6 CFR § 5.11(k)(2), set forth six factors to examine in determining whether the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met: (1) Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government;" (2) Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; (3) Whether disclosure of the requested information will contribute to the understanding of the public at large, as opposed to the individual understanding of the requestor or a narrow segment of interested persons; (4) Whether the contribution to public understanding of government operations or activities will be "significant;" (5) Whether the requestor has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; and (6) Whether the magnitude of any identified commercial interest to the requestor is sufficiently large in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is primarily in the commercial interest of the requestor. If any responsive records are located, we will consider these factors in our evaluation of your request for a fee waiver.

In the event that your fee waiver is denied we will inform you of the total fees involved in processing your request.

If you need to contact our office again about this matter, please refer to **12-OIA-0049**. This office can be reached at 202-447-4190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Tucker', is written over the printed name and title.

Tony Tucker
FOIA Officer

Office of Intelligence and Analysis